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Honorable Gerard Smith Ambassador at Large Department of State Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Gerry:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning my trip to China. The subject of nuclear nonprolification was not raised in George Seignious' meeting with his Chinese counterparts and was discussed in my meetings only in the context of U.S. assistance to Pakistan. I have enclosed extracts of the appropriate memoranda of conversations.

Sincerely,

Harold

Attachments

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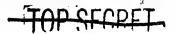
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EXTRACT OF MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting between Secretary of Defense Harold Brown and

Vice Premier Geng Blao

DATE: "January 7, 1980 - 9:00-11:45 AM.

PLACE: Great Hall of the People

Secretary Brown:

-- While we are planning to resume economic and military assistance to Pakistan despite the nuclear problem, it would obviously be easier for us to secure Congressional support for a large program if the Paks reassessed their nuclear activities. We don't want to let this stand in the way. But what we can do will be influenced by Pakistan's nuclear program.

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EXTRACT OF MEMORANOUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting Between Secretary of Defense Harold Brown and

Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping

January 8, 1980 - 10:00 AM. Date:

Place: Great Hall of the People

Our big problem with Pakistan was their attempts to Secretary Brown: get a nuclear program. Although we still object to their doing so, we will now set that aside for the time being and concentrate on strengthening Pakistan against potential Soviet action.

Vice Premler Deng: That is a very good approach. Pakistan has its own reasons for developing a nuclear program. We ourselves oppose this because we believe it meaningless to spend money on such a program. Pakistan has its own arguments, i.e., India has expended a nuclear device but the world has not seemed to complain about this. So now you have decided to put this aside and solve the question of military and economic aid to Pakistan. We applaud this decision....

Vice Premier Deng: We hope that since the United States has decided to give aid to Pakistan, this will satisfy Pakistan's requirements. We nope the U.S. will not be affected too much by India's reaction. We hope the U.S. will not mention the Pakistani nuclear program because india has already said that the U.S. Fas supplied them with information on uranium

Secretary Brown: We will continue to maintain our position against Pakistani nuclear development, but we will also provide aid to Pakistan.

Attachment 2